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(From our own Correspondent.)

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MAIL SCHEDULE (SUBJECT TO MODIFICATION)

Steamer	Arrive Hongkong from Australia	Leave Hongkong for Australia
EMPIRE	Mar. 8	Apr. 8th, at Noon.
BYALAND	Mar. 15	Apr. 15th, at Noon.
EMPIRE	Mar. 22	Apr. 22nd, at Noon.
BYALAND	Mar. 29	Apr. 29th, at Noon.

THE above Steamers are fitted with Refrigerating Machinery, electric light, plentiful supply of Ice, Fresh Provisions, etc., and are lighted throughout with Electricity. All Steer Rooms have Electric Fans. A duly qualified Doctor and Stewardess are carried.

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Hongkong, November 24, 1908.

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**MONTHLY FAST DIRECT SERVICE TO TRIESTE.**  
Via SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, ADEN, SUED PORT SAID.  
S.S. ROEMER, 7,000 tons, will leave at above on May 1912, at 6 a.m.  
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TO SHANGHAI.

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**MONTHLY ORDINARY SERVICE.**

S.S. CHINA, 11,000 tons, will leave for YOKOHAMA & KOREA via SHANGHAI about 30th March.

S.S. AUSTRIA, 10,000 tons, will leave for TRIESTE, POME and VENICE via SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, BOMBAY, KARACHI, ADEN, SUED, PORT SAID at the end of April.

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